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- 25X1A 1.   the Soviet Control Commission discussed technical problems and future production necessary for the administration and development of the HVA. The conference was presided over by General Makarov, other Soviet officers present including one Lieutenant Colonel and Major Tretyakov, who is General Petrakovsky's adjutant. The HVA delegation comprised heads of Abteilungen. At the outset of the meeting, General Makarov concentrated on the need for increased production. He stated that it was vital that telephone, teleprinter, and wireless apparatus production be increased considerably. He added that within the next two years 250,000 gas masks must be made available to the HVA effectives. If this figure could not be met by German firms then it was essential that the material be imported.
2. In order to conserve gasoline stocks, the HVA is preparing a plan designed to limit each vehicle to a maximum monthly mileage. This plan is also to apply to the Hauptverwaltung fuer Deutsche Volkspolizei. The only vehicles in the HVA which are exempt from this restriction are those belonging to the chief of the HVA, his deputy and P/K chief, and the chief of staff. Abteilung Kraftfahrzeuge has already worked out a system for reducing mileage and has submitted the plan to Chefinspekteur Bernhard Bechler, who has replaced Heinrich Heitsch as HVA chief of staff. Approval of the recommendations is not expected before the end of November, 1950.
3. Chefinspekteur Heinrich Heitsch and Chefinspekteur Helmut Borufka, chief of Hauptabteilung Schulung of the HVA, have been selected to attend a course in the USSR. Bechler, who recently returned from the USSR, is already well installed in his new position. Borufka has been replaced by Inspekteur Johnne, also a returnee from the USSR. Bechler has brought with him his own typist, Frau Henschel, who is either divorced or widowed and is shortly to marry Chefinspekteur Lust, Administrative Police. EVDVP. Other officers who have returned from the USSR and have been given positions in the HVA include:

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- A. Oberrat Teubert, who has joined Inspekteur Leo Hampel, Organization and Planning.
- B. Boerner, with Waffen und Geräte under Oberrat Willi Bartsch.
- C. Kommandeur Reiher, Staff/Organization
- D. Oberrat Schulz (or Schulze), Staff/Organization.
- E. Inspekteur Boringer (or Goring), Hauptabteilung P/K.
- F. Inspekteur Dollwetz, P/K chief at VP School, Priemerwald. Dollwetz had been the predecessor of Rudolf Doelling, present chief, Hauptabteilung P/K.

Hermann Rentzsch, former chief of Hauptabteilung Grenz- und Bereitschaften, GAI, has been demoted to the rank of Kommandeur. Kommandeur Hans Weller, Hauptabteilung Kader, told Rentzsch that he would be sent to Greenland (sic). Weller has stated that most of the officers returning from the USSR training course will be demoted to the next lower rank.

- 4. The new HVA unit at present being prepared at Halle is located at Parazelusstrasse 68, formerly the Wluewer Kaserne. Oberrat Laresh has been made chief of Intendantur at the Halle Objekt.
- 5. Abteilung Bau of the HVA, under Inspekteur Horst Praessler, is now located at the Central Supply Depot, Berlin-Friedrichsfelde.
- 6. The 150 vehicles recently delivered to the HVA and which were to form the transport of a new motorized Abteilung have now been distributed as follows:

- A. Eighty trucks have been sent to Treptow under the care of Polizeirat Obitz.

- B. Seventy trucks are currently garaged in two hangars at the Berlin-Johannisthal airport. These are not to be used by the HVA.

A total of 150 drivers, but no assistant drivers or mechanics, are due to report from the Objekte late in November, 1950. Each driver will be assigned one of the 150 trucks mentioned above.

- 7. A Central Procurement Office (Centrale Beschaffungsamt) has been established for the HVA. It is a department of the Ministry for Industry and is headed by Kommandeur Lehesten, who serves as the link between the HVA and Kerber.\*\* Lehesten is charged with ordering from private firms all the requirements of the HVA, which is no longer supposed to have contact with private enterprises.
- 8. The HVA Progress Report (Entwicklungsbericht) for the period from October 1949 to October 1950, which should have been completed by 17 October 1950, was not prepared until late November 1950, thereby delaying the departure of Major Tretyakov, who was scheduled to take it personally to Moscow on 20 or 21 November. The following points are quoted from the report:

- A. The following is the present scale of issue of clothing per man:

- 1) Shoes 2.2 pairs
- 2) Coats 1.2
- 3) Jackets 1.5
- 4) Trousers 1.7 pairs

- B. Types of buildings allocated to units:

- 1) Kaserne Schools 7  
Bereitschaften 27
- 2) Barracks Bereitschaften 7
- 3) Approved for Release 2002/08/15 : CIA-RDP83-00415R006900190005-0  
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C. Transport: According to Inspektors Weller and Namokel, there is a shortage of 800 to 900 drivers.

D. Clothing: The T/E of the HVA for 1951 is 130,000. It is anticipated that khaki uniforms can be issued to 85 per cent of this figure.\*\*\*

9. The following officers have received the Police Medal of Honor (Polizeiehrenzeichen):

- A. Kommandeur Thiede      Abt. Materialversorgung
- B. Inspekteur Praessler    Abt. Bau
- C. Inspekteur Hoffmann    Abt. Kraftfahrzeug.

All three officers are members of Hauptabteilung Intendantur.

The following officers have been dismissed from the HVA:

- A. Inspekteur Moeller - Stab/Nachrichten. Received his salary to 1 December 1950.
- B. Kommissar Krueger - Abteilung Gesundheitswesen. Was discharged because of Western connections.
- C. Kommissar Doering - Bereitschaft Treptow. Was discharged because of Western connections.
- D. Meister Irscher - Was formerly a driver for Chief Inspekteur Hans Wulz. He was involved in a traffic accident in a Western Sector and was discharged because he had no right to be there.

The following officers have been assigned to the HVA:

- A. Inspekteur Reimann - Stab/Nachrichten. He will replace Inspekteur Moeller.
- B. Polizeirat Obitz - Abt. Kraftfahrzeug, Intendantur.

10. Chefinspekteur Bechler has announced that six recruiting boards have been appointed. Each board includes one officer who attended the training course in the USSR. Between 20 and 26 November 1950 one board was to be established in each of the following locations:

Land Mecklenburg	Rostock
Land Brandenburg	Prenzlau
Land Thuringia	Erfurt
Land Saxony-Anhalt	Kochstedt
Land Saxony (west of Elbe)	Frankenberg
Land Saxony (east of Elbe)	Loebau

11. According to a statement made by Bechler on 18 November 1950, a considerable re-shuffle of HVA units was scheduled to take place on 25 and 26 November 1950. He had not yet received the new list of locations, which he expected within the next twenty-four hours, but he stated that he understood there would be fewer, but larger units. For that reason, he said, general demotion was expected, and that undoubtedly explained why no promotions above the rank of Kommissar was made public on 7 November 1950. All movements involved in the reorganization were to be made at night. Abteilung Kraftfahrzeug was ordered to set aside 150 trucks and allocate 200,000 liters of gasoline for this purpose.

12. According to Kommandeur Lindner of VP School Apolda, both the school and Bereitschaft at Apolda are to be closed. The premises of the Apolda school, which had previously housed a factory producing electrical equipment, was needed as a chemical factory under the Five Year Plan. The unit may move to Rudolstadt or to Halle.

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25X1A \* Comment: This remark might indicate that Rentzsch will be assigned to the Hauptverwaltung für Seepolizei).

25X1A \*\* Comment: This information was submitted before the new ministerial organization of the DDR was announced. Erwin Kerber is at present the State Secretary for Material Supply within the State Planning Commission (Staatliche Plankommission)).

25X1A \*\*\* Comment: This number - 130,000 - may include some members of the HVL. The HVS has its own Progress Report).

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